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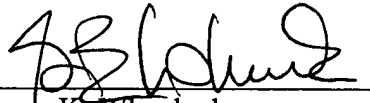
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Proteome Systems, Ltd.	:	
Serial No.: 09/966,352	:	Examiner
Filed: September 28, 2001	:	Group Art Unit
For: Electrophoresis System	:	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first examination on the merits of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Following the title of the application, please insert the following:

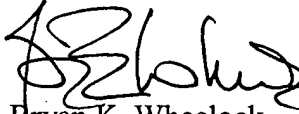
--This application claims priority of Australian Provisional Patent Application  
Serial No. PR 0515, filed September 29, 2000.

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing Amendment claiming priority of prior Australian Application PR 0515, filed September 29, 2000. A certified copy of Australian Provisional Patent Application Serial No. PR 0515 is enclosed. If it

would advance the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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